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SUBJ: DEATH OF PASTOR MANGANHELA AND RELEASE OF DETAINED
PRESBYTERIANS

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1. DAY BEFORE PRESS NOTICE REPORTED REF A APPEARED, CONGEN
WAS CALLED ON BY PASTOR GEORGES ANDRIE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
IN THE MISSIONARY DEPT OF THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES OF SWITZER-
LAND. PASTOR ANDRIE SAID HE AND SWISS MISSION COLLEAGUES HAD
APPOINTMENT WITH GOVERNOR GENERAL PIMENTEL DOS SANTOS TO
EXPRESS APPRECIATION AT RELEASE OF MAJOR PORTION OF PRESBY-
TERIAN CHURCH MEMBERS WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED LAST JUNE, TO
THANK HIM FOR INVESTIGATION MADE INTO MANGANHELA' S DEATH,
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TO GIVE ASSURANCES THAT NEITHER SWISS MISSION NOR PRESBY-
TERIAN CHURCH ARE INVOLVED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, AND TO

ASK ON BEHALF OF WIDOW WHERE JOSE SIDUMO, WHO DIED IN PRISON
LAST JULY, IS BURIED.

2. PASTOR ANDRIE TOLD ME THAT 37 OF PRESBYTERIANS UNDER
DETENTION HAVE BEEN SET FREE BUT NINE ARE STILL IN PRISON
ALONG WITH SIX CONGREGATIONALISTS AND PROBABLY OTHERS. HE
SAID THAT AS OF LAST SEPTEMBER DGS HAD ADMITTED TO HIM 428
WERE STILL IN PRISON.

3. FROM TALKS WITH RELEASED PRESBYTERIANS, HE LEARNED THAT
WHILE ELDERS HAD NOT BEEN MISTREATED, SOME OF YOUNGER CHURCH
MEMBERS HAD BEEN BEATEN WHILE IN PRISON, APPARENTLY A MATTER
OF BRUTALITY RATHER THAN PURPOSEFUL TORTURE. RUMORS THAT
MANGANHELA HAD BEEN TORTURED HAVE NEVER BEEN PROVED AND
ANDRIE WAS INCLINED TO DOUBT THEIR VERACITY.

4. LIBERATED PRISONERS TOLD ANDRIE THEY WERE OBLIGED BY DGS
TO SIGN THEIR NAMES TO LIES PRIOR TO LIBERATION: NAMELY, THAT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAD COLLECTED MONEY FOR FRELIMO TO BE
TRANSMITTED TO FRELIMO THROUGH SWISS MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.
THEY SAID THESE DECLARATION HAD BEEN USED BY DGS TO EXTRACT
" CONFESSIONS" FROM OTHER DETAINEES.

5. ANDRIE EXPLAINED THAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS SUCH HAS
NEVER BEEN REGISTERED IN MOZAMBIQUE, BUT SWISS MISSION,
WHICH PREDOMINANTLY PRESBYTERIAN ALTHOUGH IT ALSO HANDLES
AFFAIRS OF SOME OTHER PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS, IS REGISTERED.
HENCE, WHILE MISSION IS RESPONSIBLE TO MOZAMBIQUE GOVT, PRESBY-
TERIAN CHURCH IS NOT AND THIS GIVES RISE TO DGS CONCERN
BECAUSE IT TENDS TO REGARD ANY AUTONOMOUS RELIGIOUS ORGANIZA-
TION AS POTENTIALLY SUBVERSIVE. THIS ATTITUDE WAS ORIGINALLY
FOSTERED BY ALLEGED PROTESTANT MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES FAVORING
INSURGENTS DURING EARLY ANGOLAN INSURRECTION AND BY FACT THAT
MONDLANE WAS PRESBYTERIAN.

6. ANDRIE SAID THERE IS WIDESPREAD INTERNATIONAL INTEREST IN
FATE OF DETAINEES, INCLUDING SPECIFIC CONCERN ON PART OF INTER-
NATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS, COMMISSION FOR RIGHTS OF MAN,
ALLIANCE REFORME MONDIAL, AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, AND THAT
CATHOLIC CARDINALS IN HOLLAND AND FRANCE HAVE SENT MESSAGE TO
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